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| <u>Ballot count in</u> | <u>SED</u> | <u>LDP/CDU</u> | <u>Invalid</u> |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Schönau (Vogtld) | 59 | --- | 120 (presumably SPD, LDP, CDU) |
| Neustadt (Vogtld) | 194 | --- | 287 (presumably SPD, LDP, CDU) |

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5. The SPD in Berlin has acquired a considerable membership from the middle classes but has nevertheless remained predominantly a labor party. This is in sharp contrast to its development in other sections of Germany where it has taken on the aspect of a bourgeois party.

SPD:Berlin membership on specific days:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Russian Sector</u> | <u>British Sector</u> | <u>French</u> | <u>USA</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| 31.7.46 | 10,635 | 8,160 | 8,742 | 15,968 |
| 30.8.46 | 11,173 | 8,303 | 8,826 | 16,517 |

The Russian Sector, which has fifty percent of the total population of the city, has only twenty-five percent of the SPD membership. The American Sector is strongest with membership distributed throughout the various districts during the month of July 1946, as follows:

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| Kreuzberg | 3,811 | Zehlendorf | 1,243 |
| Neukölln | 4,329 | Steglitz | 1,145 |
| Schöneberg | 2,635 | Tempelhof | 2,805 |

Neukölln had the strongest SPD membership and is preeminently a district of workers. The fact that so many of the workers in Berlin have remained loyal to the SPD instead of joining the Communists is attributed to the looting of workmen's homes by the Russians. Furthermore, when the right wing of the SPD went over to the SED, the Socialist Party was rejuvenated. In Berlin, the average party official is forty years old, while in southern Germany the average age is over fifty.

6. Various estimates on the strength of the SED:

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| a. Official estimate circulated by party officials | 400,000 |
| b. SPD party member estimates SED membership at | 60,000 |
| c. SED functionary | 150,000 |
| d. Member of SED administration claims maximum is | 120,000 |
| e. Source believes a reasonable estimate to be | 90,000-110,000 |

These figures show that the strength of the Communist Party in Berlin increased from thirty percent to sixty percent since 1933 when membership was at a maximum of 70,000. This increase is largely due to the formation of the SED. In central, west, and southern Germany, however, membership has increased from 100 percent to 300 percent despite the loss of the elections.

7. The several dubious successes which the Communists have had are attributed to the policy of graft and corruption practices by the Russians. The fact that ninety percent of the members of the SED Election Committee belong to social groups enjoying special privileges, indicates that the Russians are not leading a revolution of the lower classes but are encouraging a power policy sponsored from above. The Election Committee was composed as follows:

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| Intellectuals, artists, scientists | 47 |
| Industrialists | 11 |
| Administrative officials (majors, chairmen, etc.) | 18 |
| Party officials | 15 |
| Small business men | 12 |
| Wage earners | 0 |
| | 103 |

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